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THE FIRST PHANTOM SWORE
TO DEFEND THE INNOCENT
AGAINST EVIL IN THE JUNGLE
OF BENGALI... AND IN EACH
SUCCEEDING GENERATION...
THE SON HAS DONNED THE
MASK AND FACED THE DANGERS
FROM THE PHANTOM'S HOME
IN SKULL CAVE....

THE PHANTOM

THIS ISSUE:

WHEN THE RAIDERS
RACED NORTH WITH
HEGARA... THE PURSUING
PHANTOM BECAME A...
SLAVE OF BEAUTY!

THE PHANTOM CROSSED
SEAS AND CONTINENTS
TO RETRIEVE THE MOST
PRECIOUS BANDAR
POSSESSION... THE
SOUL OF THE BANDAR
...THE IDOL!

THE PHANTOM HAS
FACED MANY DANGERS
BUT NONE SO SILENT
AS... THE DEADLY
FOE!

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THE PHANTOM!

THE GIRL WAS SEIZED IN THE JUNGLE OF BENGAL! IN PURSUIT IS THE MAN THE NATIVES CALL.. 'GHOST-WHO-WALKS' BUT WHO WE KNOW AS THE PHANTOM!



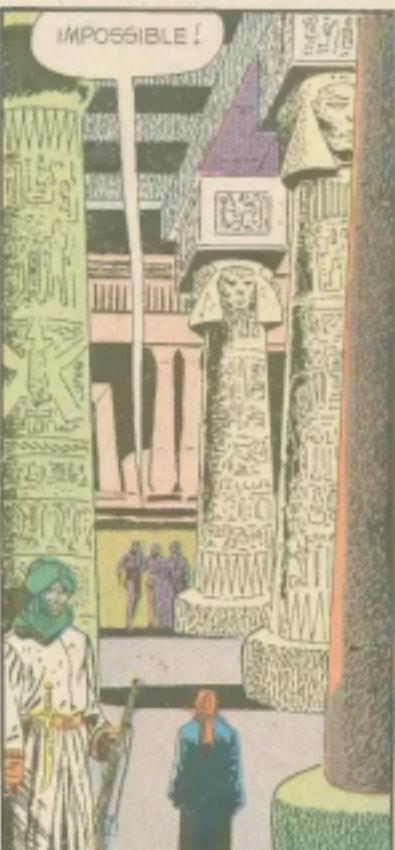
SAVE ME,
PHANTOM!



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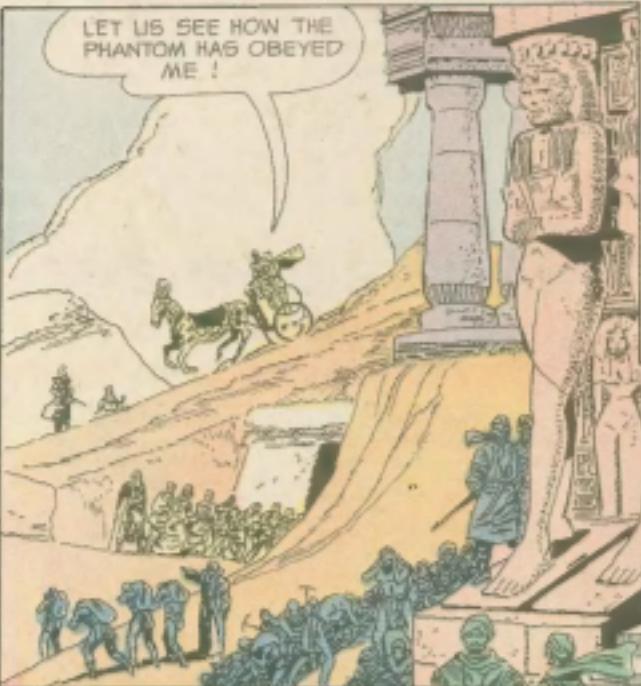
PHANTOM, I.. I CAN'T WORK! I'M... SICK!



HOST-WHO-WALKS HAS NO FEELING FOR YOU NOW, BROTHER! PHANTOM ONLY WANTS TO PLEASE THE TEMPLE WOMAN!



LET US SEE HOW THE PHANTOM HAS OBEYED ME!



WHY HAVEN'T THEY FINISHED, PHANTOM?

THEY ARE EXHAUSTED. THEY NEED REST!

I WILL TELL YOU WHEN THEY NEED REST! I WANT THIS TEMPLE EXCAVATED BY... SUNSET!

With THE PHANTOM'S MIND SEEMING TO BELONG TO THE STRANGE WOMAN.. HE DRIVES THE MEN INTO SENSELESS OBLIVION...!!

YOU'VE DONE IT.. BUT THE PRICE WAS HIGH.. THOSE MEN MAY DIE!

FOOD AND SLEEP WILL REVIVE THEM! NOW, GET BACK.. HEGARA WILL BE HERE TO INSPECT HER NEWEST TEMPLE!

IT IS JUST AS I DREAMED IT WOULD BE.. FROM HERE I WILL RULE THE CONTINENT!

ALL MY YEARS OF STUDY
.. SEARCHING ANCIENT
HISTORIES.. VISITING
TEMPLES AND EXCAVATIONS
HAS PAID OFF! I WILL
RESTORE THE KINGDOM
OF HEGARA.. I WILL
RULE OVER SLAVES
AND ARMIES! I...

NO YOU
WON'T!

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?

HEGARA.. WHEN WE
FIRST MET.. YOU
HYPNOTIZED ME! WELL
.. IT'S WORN OFF!
YOUR GAME HAS GONE
FAR ENOUGH.. IT'S OVER!

NO! YOU WILL NOT
STOP ME! THE PHANTOM
WOULD BETRAY US!
KILL HIM!

RAIDER



SUDDENLY.. A GIANT REINFORCEMENT LEAPS FROM THE SHADOWS...

AGGGHH

.. MY BEST SHOT!

THE FALL... HUH... SLAMS AGAINST THE KEY SUPPORT PILLAR AND...

THEY'LL BE CRUSHED!

THEY FOUND THE WOMAN WHO CALLED HERSELF HEGARA.. CRUSHED ON THE THRONE WHICH NOW WOULD BE HERS FOR ALL ETERNITY! AND WITH HER DEATH, THE MEN UNDER HER SPELL WERE RELEASED...

THE END



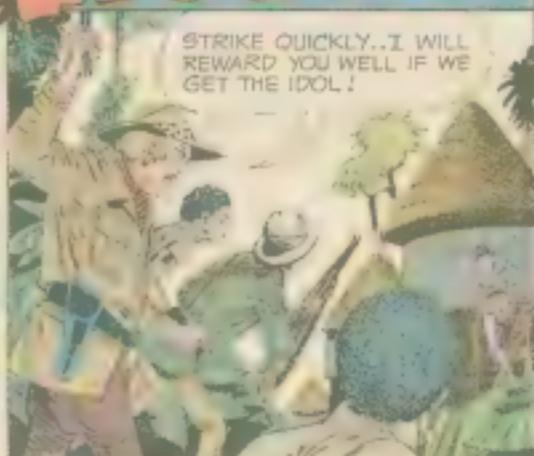
THE PHANTOM



AS THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE OF THE PHANTOM RESTS IN SKULL CAVE...

THE IDOL

WHY IS WALDO BRUNN OF THE LONDON MUSEUM HERE IN A BANDAR VILLAGE? THIS IS THE REASON.. THIS TWELVE INCH FIGURINE.. CARVED FROM ANCIENT IVORY - INSET WITH PRICELESS JEWELS, SACRED TO THE BANDAR.. COVETED BY THE ENGLISHMAN FOR THIS REASON ALONE !



...A STRANGER IN THE JUNGLES OF THE TRIBES OF THE BANDAR HAS COME SEEKING....



... LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE...



DON'T STOP UNTIL
WE REACH THE PLANE!

AAAWH



GET THIS THING
OFF THE GROUND
BEFORE THE BANDAR
CAN ORGANIZE AN
ATTACK...



THIS IDOL IS PRICELESS
... AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO
LOSE IT NOW...



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..BECAUSE OUR TRIBE IS DOOMED! A STRANGER HAS TAKEN OUR VERY SOUL...



I'VE GOT TO RECOVER THEIR IDOL!

LMALMO.. HAS DIED.. BECAUSE HIS SOUL WAS STOLEN!

THE PHANTOM TRAVELS FAST!

THE NAME OF THE THIEF IS WALDO BRUNN.. HE LEFT ON A JETLINER, FLYING...



I SUSPECT THIS WALDO BRUNN IS NO ORDINARY THIEF...



AND, WALDO BRUNN IS NOT DIFFICULT TO FIND
HE'S THE HEAD OF A NEW WING AT THE LONDON
MUSEUM...

CLOSING IN
FIFTEEN MINUTES,
SIR!

LONDON
MUSEUM



... THERE LIES THE SPUL
OF BANDAR... WITHOUT IT, THE
TRIBE WILL PERISH...

... YOU SEEM
TO ADMIRE
OUR LATEST
TREASURE,
SIR !

IT'S NOT YOUR
TREASURE...
AND IT WILL
BE RETURNED
TO THE
BANDAR !

NOT LIKELY ! THE
IDOL WILL REMAIN
HERE !



NICHOLS! SMYTHE!
ESCORT THIS CHAP
FROM THE MUSEUM
... AND SEE THAT HE
NEVER RETURNS!

WHAT CHAP,
MR. BRUNN?

HE.. HE'S GONE! WAIT
.. HERE'S THE HAT AND
COAT HE WAS WEARING!
MAKE A THOROUGH
SEARCH!

Hours later:

WE'VE SEARCHED
EVERYWHERE.. HE'S
NOT HERE!

DOUBLE THE
OUTSIDE GUARDS,
SMYTHE!

SHOOT IF YOU SEE
ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

GETTING THE IDOL OUT
OF THE MUSEUM WILL
BE THE HARD PART!

I TRIPPED
AN ALARM!

.. AND HERE
COMES THE
WATCHDOGS

IF THEY STAY IN THE
ROOM.. THEY'RE BOUND
TO SEE ME !

FLASHING GUN

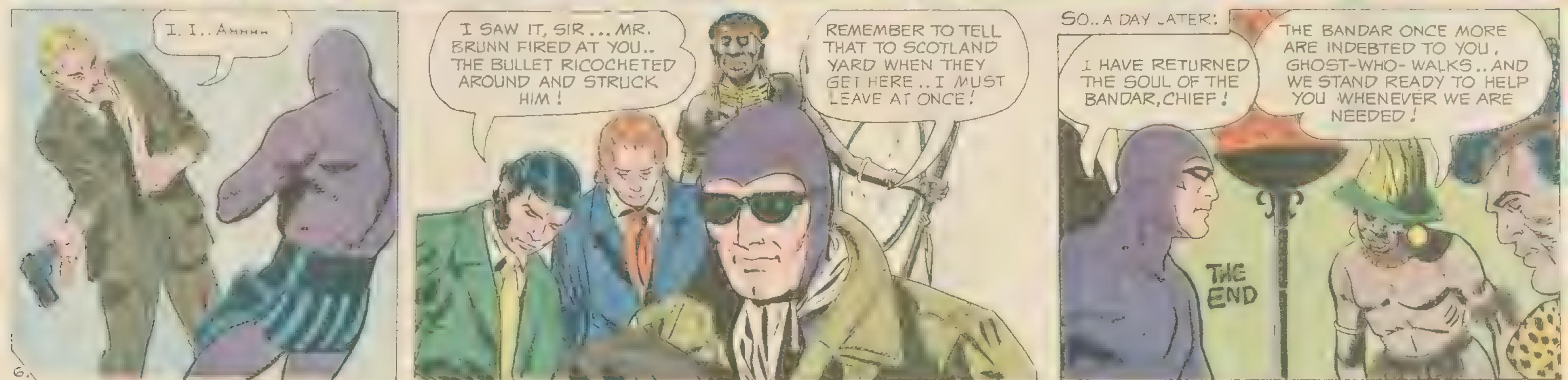
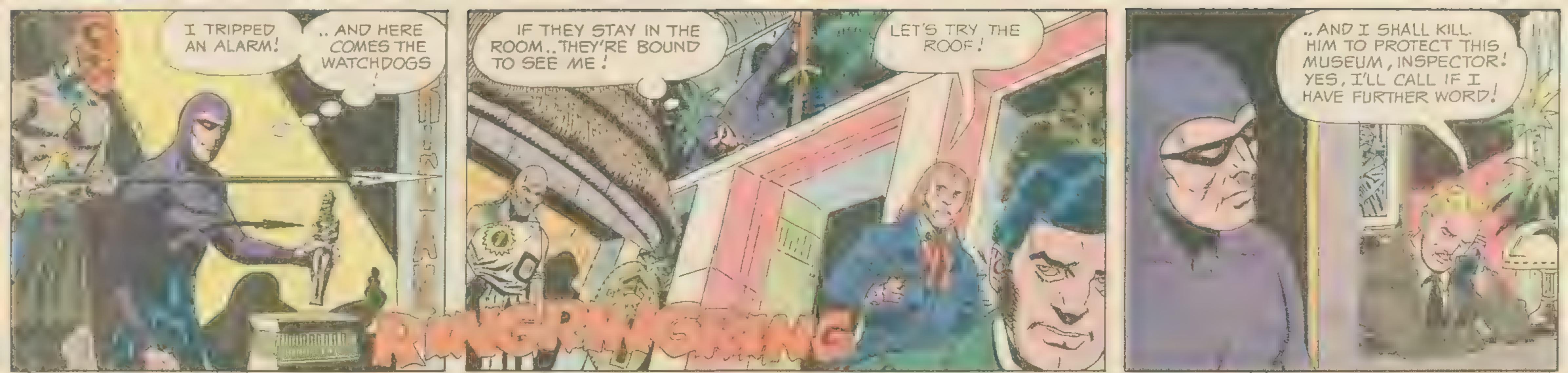
I SEE YOU.. AND I KNOW WHO AND
WHAT YOU ARE, PHANTOM! AND..
I WILL NOT HESITATE TO KILL YOU!

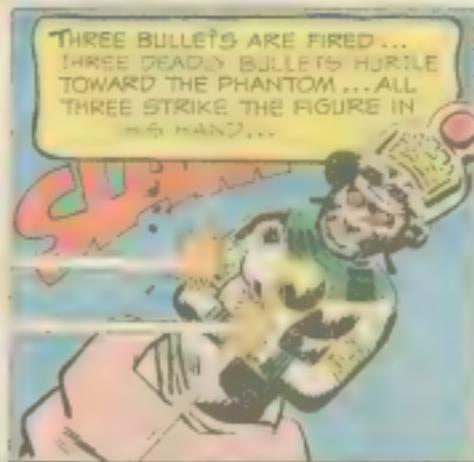
YOU CANNOT
KILL ME, THIEF!

YOU'RE A FOOL,
PHANTOM!

E-E.. Ahhhh

I SAW IT, SIR... MR.
BRUNN FIRED AT YOU..
THE BULLET RICOCHETED
AROUND AND STRUCK
HIM !





HE CAME TO THE VILLAGE IN A TIGER STRIPED PLANE.. HE WORE A SUN HELMET, KHAKIS, AND HE OWNED VERY EXPENSIVE RIFLES THAT COULD KILL AT EXTREMELY LONG RANGE !

THE BRAVE HUNTER

I SHALL PAY DOUBLE THE USUAL RATES! RECRUIT BEATERS AND GUNBEARERS WHO WILL NOT FLEE LIKE WOMEN WHEN THE TIGER COMES OUT OF THE GRASS!

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THERE ARE NO MAN-EATING TIGERS IN THIS DISTRICT, SAHIB! BUT IN THE NEXT VALLEY THERE IS AN OLD TIGER AND...

YOU FOOL!

HE IS NOT A FOOL!

YOU THINK I WANT AN OLD, SCARRED HIDE TO BRING BACK WITH ME? I INTEND TO SHOOT A FULL-GROWN YOUNG MALE!

WAH

NO, DJILA.. THE ENGLISHMAN PAYS WELL AND OUR VILLAGE NEEDS THE GOLD!

HE IS SO BRAVE... BEHIND HIS GUNS!

MR. GLUTT'S GUIDES CONSTRUCTED A SHOOTING BLIND IN A TREE OVERLOOKING A SMALL CLEARING!

THE GOAT WILL BE TETHERED AS BAIT AND YOU WILL GET A GOOD SHOT AT THE TIGER FROM THE TREE...

THE BEATERS HAVEN'T DRIVEN A TIGER ANYWHERE NEAR US! IF THERE IS NO TIGER... I WILL NOT PAY!

BUT, THE BEATERS ARE SKILLED.. AND NEAR SUNDOWN, A TIGER APPEARS ON THE HILLSIDE...

THE GOAT? WHERE IS THE GOAT? IT'S NOT TIED TO THE STAKE!

THERE IS TIGER, SAHIB! HE IS VERY LARGE AND FIERCE!

IT DOES NOT MATTER.. THE TIGER IS THERE.. YOU CAN SHOOT IT EASILY, SAHIB!

GREY

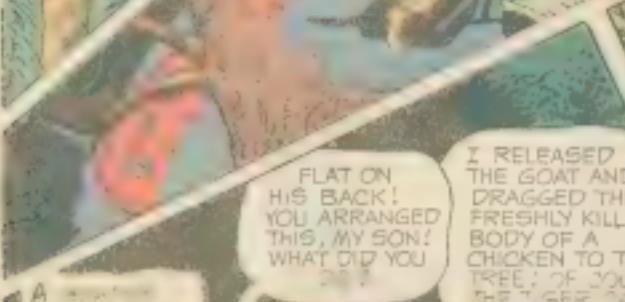
SLOWLY, THE TIGER SNiffs THE GROUND WHERE THE BAT HAD BEEN, THEN LOOKS TOWARD THE TREE...



IT'S COMING TOWARD US...

STOP HIM! AAAAGHH!

...WE HAVE BEEN PAID AS YOU AGREED. SAHIB, WILL YOU RETURN TO TRY AGAIN FOR A TIGER?



I RELEASED THE GOAT AND DRAGGED THE FRESHLY KILLED BODY OF A CHICKEN TO THIS TREE; OF COURSE, THE TIGER CAME HERE.

A TIGER'S STRENGTH AND GOLDEN COAT. THE TIGER VANISHES! IN THE SHOOTING BLIND THE BRAVE HUNTER...



THE END

"Somo La Kumi"

by

Mwaiimo Bahati Njema

LESSON # 10

Swahili is technically known as Kiswahili by the people who speak it. It is the tongue spoken-with variations-by millions of people in Africa. And it is now the official language of the United Republic of Tanzania. We are going to give you the words for a variety of people in this language. Like all the previous lessons, this one is also independent.

Here is a simplified key to help you pronounce the vowels in the words: *e* is somewhere between the *e* of better and the *ay* of day; *u* is like the *oo* in moon; *i* is like the *ee* in meet; *a* is like the *a* in father; and *o* is like the *aw* in saw.

As you need them, we will explain the consonants. However, *dh* is a combination like the *th* in them. *Q* and *X* are not used in Kiswahili. *C* is not found alone but only in the combination *Ch* which is pronounced like the *Ch* is Church or Chin. *Sh* is like the *Sh* in Shin. *Ng* is like the *ng* in singer and *Ng'* like the *ng* in sing.

Fortunately for you, Kiswahili is not a tonal language. Chinese is such a language. And the change in pitch does change the meaning of some Chinese words. For example, the word for sell in Chinese is pronounced the same way as the word for buy-but the tone is different.

Now for the stress: In general, the next to the last syllable of a Swahili word or phrase receives a stress, which consists of a slight increase in loudness. Usually with some increase also in length.

The first word is in the singular and the second in the plural: *mtu*-person; *watu*-people. *mtoto*-child; *watoto*-children. *ndege*-wife; *wake*-wives. *mzee*-old person; *wazee*-old people. *mazuri*-parent; *wazazi*-parents. *mwanamke*-woman; *wanawake*-women. *mame*-man; *wanaume*-men. *mushe*-man; *wame*-men. *mwanza*-child; *wana*-children. *baba*-father; *baba*-fathers. *mama*-mother; *mama*-mothers. *ndugu*-brother or sister; *ndugu*-brothers or sisters. *dada*-elder sister; *dada*-elder sisters. *kaka*-elder brother; *kaka*-elder brothers. *babu*-grandfather; *babu*-grandfathers. *bibi*-grandmother; *bibi*-(or *mabibi*)-grandmothers. *rafiki*-friend; *rafiki* (or *marafiki*)-friends. *binti*-daughter; *mbabinti*-daughters. *shangazi*-paternal aunt; *shangazi*-paternal aunts. *halati*-maternal aunt; *halati*-maternal aunts. *jirani*-neighbor; *jirani* (or *mazani*)-neighbors. *adisi*-enemy; *adisi* (or *mazidi*)-enemies. *jamua*-number of people gathered-family-meeting. *mwulanja*-youth; *wawulanja*-youths. *msichana*-girl; *wasichana*-girls. *mijame*-widow; *wajene*-widows. *mwaliimu*-teacher; *walimu*-teachers.

Now we can look at some of the words denoting nationality:

mwamerika-american; *wamerika-americans*. *mwafrika-african*; *wafrika-africans*. *mwabarabu-arabs*; *warabu-africans*. *mfaransa-frenchman*; *wafaransa-frenchmen*. *midachi-german*; *wadachi-germans*. *mireno-portuguese*; *warento-portuguese*. *mhollandi-dutchman*; *wahollandi-dutch*. *mhindi-indian*; *waandi-indians*. *mcchina-chinese person*. *wachina-chinese people*. *myapa-japanese person*. *wamiyapu-japanese people*. *mgiriki-greek*; *wagiriki-greeks*.

Now we will look at some expressions and sentences with some of these words:

Yeye mwaliimu-He is a teacher. *Wao walimu* - They are teachers. *Wanafundisha wawulanja na wasichana*-They teach boys and girls. *Anamfundisha msichana koshona* - she is teaching a girl to sew. *Mimi Mwamerika*-I am an American. *Mimi mzungu*-I am a European. *Mimi Mwafrika* - I am an African. *Mimi Mludya* - I am a *Luhya*. *Mzee ana wake wawili na wabito watano* - The old man has two wives and five children. *Habari za jamaa yako?* - How is your family? *Habari za mboto wako?* - How is your son? *Habari za habako?* - How is your father? *Habari za mama-kor?* - How is your mother?

Nimeqna mtu mdogo sana-I have seen a very small person. *Umekiona kisu cha baba?*-Have you seen my father's knife? *Mama yangu amepika chakula*-My mother has cooked food. It should be pointed out there that a man refers to his wife as *Bibi* or *Mke wangu*. And a wife refers to her husband as *Bwana* or *Mme wangu*. *Mtoto* is used up to the age of ten. *Kijana* is used for a girl from ten until she gets married. *Bibi* is a term of respect meaning lady, madam, the head of the household and even grandmother. *Bibi* is sometimes shortened to *Bi*. However the word *Mensahib* was used for married European women.

Busti yako ni mtoto - *mwema*-Your daughter is a good child. *Humisi na rafiki yake waliutufana soko* - *komu asubuni*-*Hamisi* and his friend went together to the market in the morning. *Hujambo mama*-Hello (mother or madam). *Wawulanja waliona ngingamia*-The boys saw a camel.

Tear out this sheet and save it. Tell your friend there will be more lessons about this wonderful language. Be the fist in your group to speak it. Each lesson will be independent so you can go ahead if you missed any lessons.

PHANTOM

DEADLY FOE



1 THE JUNGLE OF BENGALI SEEMS SERENE....NO SLAVERS FROM THE NORTH..THE IVORY POACHERS STAY AWAY FROM THIS LAND..AND THE WARRING TRIBES ARE QUIET IN THEIR VILLAGES! ENJOY IT, PHANTOM..THE RESPITE WILL SOON END!

PHANTOM...HE'S GOING TO
KILL...EVERYONE...

WE'LL GO BACK TO SKULL CAVE, FLASH..I MUST COMPLETE WORK ON THE ARCHIVES OF THE PHANTOM!

NO WAIT

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MY ANCESTORS' RECORDS FOR FOUR CENTURIES ARE...HEY.. WHY SO NERVOUS?

DON'T
TOUCH ME.

I WON'T HURT YOU, MAN!

YOU'RE AN
ASSISTANT TO
DR. NIFFO, AREN'T
YOU? IF YOU'RE
SICK, WHY DIDN'T
HE TREAT YOU?

Y.. YOU TOUCHED
ME.. YOU'RE
INFECTED NOW!

... BECAUSE
HE.. DR. NIFFO
DELIBERATELY
INFECTED ME!

DR. NIFFO
SAYING THAT
HE HAD TO BE LEFT
IN PHANTOM
CITY, THE MAN
IN THE CAVE.

HERE.. I KNEW I'D READ
OF AN EPIDEMIC IN WHICH
THE VICTIMS SHOWED
SIMILAR SYMPTOMS.

A FEVER..
CARRIED BY THE
GASES IN
SATAN'S SWAMP!
THERE WAS NO
CURE THEN...
THOUSANDS
DIED BEFORE
MY ANCESTOR,
THE PHANTOM,
COULD FIND A
WAY TO HELP
THEM..THEN..

..HE TOO DIED.

..LUCKILY, HIS SON HAD JUST ENTERED
MANHOOD AND STOOD READY TO ATTEMPT
THE MANTLE OF.. THE PHANTOM !

IN A FEW HOURS,
PHANTOM.. YOU TOO WILL
BE WEAK AND FEVERISH
..YOU HAVE TIME.. STOP DR.
NIPPO.. KILL HIM IF YOU MUST!

..EVEN IF THIS MEANS
THE END OF THE
PHANTOM ! I HAVE
NO SON STANDING
BY, READY TO TAKE
MY PLACE.. NOT YET!

I KNOW WHERE
HE IS, SIR.. I WILL
DO WHAT MUST BE
DONE !

DEEP IN THAT EVIL PLACE CALLED 'SATAN'S
SWAMP'.. A MAN WHO FEELS AT HOME IN SUCH
SURROUNDINGS DOES HIS EVIL WORK !

I.. MAKE.. DEATH
CHANT, BWANA.

"YOU CAN BEGIN,
LDUALA !

THIS TOO FAILED.. I WAS CERTAIN LDUALA WOULD LIVE !

FAILED AGAIN !

I CAN SMELL THE DEATH IN THE AIR.. THIS MICRO-ORGANISM HAS EXISTED HERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS ! IT DESTROYS THOSE UNWARY ENOUGH TO ENTER SATAN'S SWAMP AFTER SUNDOWN !

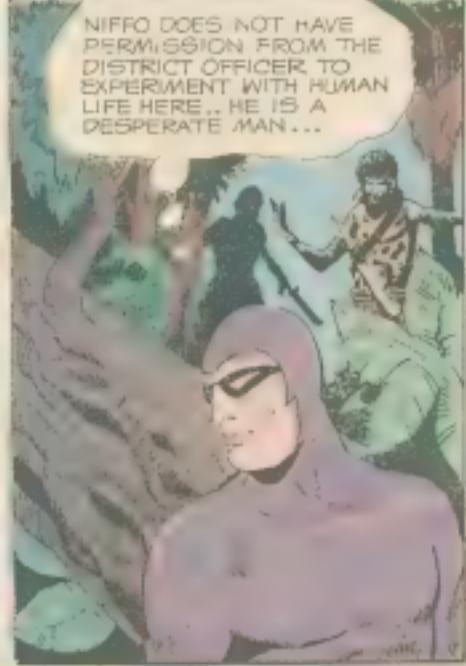
IF I CAN ISOLATE THE ORGANISM.. FORMULATE A VACCINE.. I... HAVE THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER THE WORLD !

..I CAN'T RIDE FLASH INTO THIS SWAMP ! ALREADY, I FEEL THE FEVER GROWING STRONGER IN MY BLOOD !

NIFFO'S DEADLY EXPERIMENTS
MUST BE STOPPED



NIFFO DOES NOT HAVE
PERMISSION FROM THE
DISTRICT OFFICER TO
EXPERIMENT WITH HUMAN
LIFE HERE .. HE IS A
DESPERATE MAN...



DO NOT MOVE .. I
SHALL MAKE A THRUST



IMMOBILIZE HIM
.. HE MIGHT SPOIL
EVERYTHING!



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